Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 7, line 22 as follows:

Hosting the electronic receipt in a file or memory storage area 22 of a retail facility's web server 20 allows the customer the freedom of being able to shop in multiple stores without the necessity of carrying multiple types of IC card, one card for each different store. As electronic receipts are loaded into the file or memory storage area 22 of each store's web server 20, the electronic receipts are available for a customer to access and download, once the customer reaches home and accesses each store's server 20 through the customer's Internet connection [20]. By signing on to the Internet, and visiting each store's web site in sequence, the customer is able to download each electronic receipt maintained by each of the stores that customer has visited during the latest shopping trip.